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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

United States business history shows that the less the government is involved in private business, the more prosperous we are as a nation. That said, I am glad to know that we are at a point in which the federal government is stepping away from the private affairs of Microsoft once and for all. The Government is far too involved in the world of business and further government involvement in the IT industry can only serve to further damage current technology and future innovation.

Under the proposed settlement, Microsoft will share information with its competitors, allowing them to more easily install their own software on the Windows operating system. Additionally, Microsoft will agree not to retaliate any competitor who sells, uses, or promotes non-Microsoft software.

A swift end to the suit is in order so that Microsoft and the economy may recover from the intended lawsuit. I support the settlement as it now stands so that the entire country can be put to rest.

Sincerely,

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